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1. AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSION HERE SAYS THAT COOPERATIVE PROJECTS IDENTIFIED BY ASEAN SECGENS DURING 1974 VISIT TO AUSTRALIA INCLUDED ONE ON ASEAN-AUSTRALIAN TRADE COOPERATION. AS PART THIS PROJECT, GOA SUGGESTED ESTABLISHMENT OF JOINT TRADE COMMITTEE (JTC). THIS PROPOSAL CONSIDERED IN MARCH 1976 BY ASEAN AD HOC COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY IN BANGKOK WHICH DECIDED THAT ESTABLISHMENT OF JTC PREMATURE, ALTHOUGH SOME MORE INFORMAL MECHANISM FOR DISCUSSION CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE. THIS DECISION WITH AMENDMENT APPROVED BY PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY AND BLESSED AT ASEAN FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING MANILA. THUS REJECTION OF JTC PROBABLY BASIS FOR PRESS REPORTS. GOA NOT YET INFORMED OF SPECIFIC ASEAN THINKING ON THIS BUT UNDERSTANDS THAT MEMO ENROUTE TO THEM.

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